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FOLLOWING REPEAT STATE 166994 ACTION BELGRADE BUCHAREST
BUDAPEST PRAGUE VIENNA 16 JULY.

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FOR AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE

FROM ADMINISTRATOR HUME, FAS/USDA

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SUBJECT: FLOOD DAMAGE TO AGRICULTURE

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1. REFTELS AND PRESS REPORTS INDICATE POSSIBLY SERIOUS PROBLEMS
FOR AGRICULTURE FROM RAIN AND FLOOD DAMAGE IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA,
HUNGARY, ROMANIA, AND YUGOSLAVIA.

2. EMBASSIES' INCT ATIVE IN REPORTING SITUATION APP
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RELATIVELY LIMITED INFORMATION, AND POSSIBLY OVERDRAWN PRESS

REPORTS AVAILABLE HERE, NECESSITATES AUTHORITATIVE EVALUATION OF SITUATION BY ADDRESSEE POSTS. EMBASSIES' OPINIONS VITAL IN EVALUATING POSSIBLE NEED ADDITIONAL AGRICULTURAL IMPORTS, ESPECIALLY FEED GRAINS.

3. REQUEST AGRICULTURAL ATTACHES VISIT FLOOD AREAS CZECHOSLOVAKIA, HUNGARY, AND ROMANIA SOONEST TO ASSESS DAMAGE. ATTACHES SHOULD SEEK EVALUATION OF EXTENT FLOOD DAMAGE, AND POSSIBLE IMPORT REQUIREMENTS, FROM HIGHEST LEVELS MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE.

4. SPECIFICALLY, USDA WOULD APPRECIATE LATEST PRODUCTION ESTIMATES MAJOR CROPS, LIVESTOCK LOSSES, AND PROBABLE IMPACT FOREIGN TRADE. DEPARTMENT ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN ESTIMATES OF 1975/76 IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF GRAIN, OILSEEDS, AND PRODUCTS. INGERSOLL UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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